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Board of Equalization Chairman to Receive Award for Excellence

Sacramento – California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton is honored to announce he is the recipient of the esteemed “2013 Award for Excellence by a Government Official.” The Los Angeles County Bar Association will present the award to Mr. Horton during the 2013 Tax Practitioners’ Conference Luncheon on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at the Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles.

Chairman Horton is being honored for his long and distinguished public service, most notably in providing a fair and just tax system for the people of California. He began his long tenure at the BOE at age 18, worked 21 years as a business tax law specialist, served on the Inglewood City Council, served six years in the California State Assembly, currently, some 35 years later, oversees the Board’s collection and allocation of more than \$53 billion in state tax and fee revenues each year.

Chairman Horton was key in the Board’s establishment of the “Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights,” as well as many other programs that help lessen the tax burden on Californians and provide legal assistance to business owners. Thus, he is known by many as Jerome Horton, “The Equalizer.”

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization’s Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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